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FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: JA, UR, PFOR  
SUBJECT: JAPANESE POSTPONE CONSULTATIONS WITH SOVIETS

1. PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT VICE FONMIN SATO INFORMED SOVIET  
AMBASSADOR POLYANSKY DECEMBER 29 OF GOJ INTENTION TO POSTPONE  
CONSULTATIONS NEXT MONTH BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTERS OF BOTH  
COUNTRIES. JAPANESE AND SOVIETS HAD AGREED DURING GROMYKO  
VISIT IN JANUARY 1976 TO MEET IN MOSCOW BEFORE END OF YEAR;  
MIG-25 INCIDENT AND JAPANESE IV ELECTIONS SUBSEQUENTLY  
INTERVENED. SATO CITED NEW FONMIN HATOYAMA'S CROWDED SCHEDULE  
AS REASON FOR PRESENT POSTPONEMENT. NEW DATES FOR MEETING WOULD  
BE WORKED OUT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

2. PM FUKUDA AND HATOYAMA REPORTEDLY AGREED EARLIER IN WEEK NOT  
TO MOVE QUICKLY ON QUESTION OF TALKS IN MOSCOW UNLESS THERE WERE  
POSSIBILITY OF SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON SUCH ISSUES AS NORTHERN  
TERRITORIES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SOVIET 200-MILE  
EXCLUSIVE-FISHING ZONE. ADDITIONALLY, CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY  
SUNODA SUGGESTED IN PRESS COMMENTS THAT GOJ WISHED TO AVOID  
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IRRITATING PEKING BY MAKING MOSCOW FIRST OVERSEAS VISIT OF  
NEW FONMIN.  
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